



**RECAPTURED IN BERRIEN:** Donald Nash, 19, left, Wayne Smith, 21, center, and Dennis Farley, 17, are shown in custody Wednesday at Jackson after they escaped from Jackson county sheriff's deputies Wednesday at Union Pier restaurant. Trio, being transported from St. Louis, Mo., to Jackson county, escaped in Jackson county patrol car but were recaptured two hours later near Galien. Nash was wounded in ankle by Berrien Deputy Dan Russell when he failed to heed orders to halt, police reported. (AP Wirephoto)

## Bill Would Allow Condemnation For Industry Expansion

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Legislation designed to encourage industry to remain in Detroit and other large communities by permitting the condemnation of land for private business is being considered by state lawmakers.

The bill, which has passed the Senate and was reported out of the House Economic Development Committee Wednesday, would permit the establishment of local nonprofit, tax-exempt economic development corporations.

The corporations could sell bonds to acquire private land, then sell the land to an industry for its expansion.

Rep. William Fitzgerald, D-Detroit, chairman of the House committee, called the bill a "landmark piece of legislation."

But he acknowledged there would be controversy over the condemnation provisions, which he said are vital to the bill's effectiveness.

"What it says is that the preservation of jobs and industry is as much in the public interest as highways, schools and housing," Fitzgerald said. However, he added, many persons will object to the condemnation of private land to help big business and industry.

Rep. John Engler, R-Mount Pleasant, one of two committee members who voted against the bill, said he believed the measure's sweeping powers contained too much freedom for mischief on the part of local development corporations.

Although the bill would permit any county, city, township, or village to establish a development corporation, Fitzgerald said it was likely that a Detroit organization would find the most willing purchasers for its bonds.

Detroit has seen several large industries leave the city because of lack of room to expand, Fitzgerald said, leading to the loss of jobs and economic disruptions.

With the money from the bonds, he said, the city could condemn and buy private property near a plant. The company, unable to acquire the land on its own, would buy it

from the development corporation at the same interest rate at which the bonds were sold.

The bill's provisions also could be used to acquire land for an industry to locate in a community.

Another unique feature of the legislation is the formation of the development corporation. Under its language, any three or more residents of a municipality may apply with the community's governing body for permission to incorporate.

The corporation would have a board of directors, and not more than a single such corporation could be formed within one community.

Before acquiring property or selling bonds, the corporation would have to get its project approved by the governing body and planning commission of the municipality involved. If the project overlaps community lines, all involved municipalities would have to approve it.

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**GALIEN** — Three prisoners escaped from two Jackson county sheriff's deputies in Union Pier Wednesday but were recaptured two hours later near here.

One of the escapees was shot in the ankle by Berrien county sheriff's deputy Dan Russell but was not hurt seriously, state police said.

The prisoners, who were being transported to Jackson county, escaped from the deputies when they stopped at a restaurant for sandwiches. The key to the police car was left dangling in the ignition while the officers were away.

The escapees: Dennis Farley, 17, Donald Nash, 18 both from Detroit, and Wayne D. Smith, 20, Rockford, Ill., were apprehended shortly after 2 p.m. Nash was the wounded prisoner.

The three men were found in a storm cellar at the residence of Dorothy Kelley, 287 Holden road, Galien township.

The prisoners escaped when they were left alone in the squad car by two Jackson deputies, Steve Seckler and John Klima, who parked the car at the station to be re-fueled. One of the deputies then went inside a nearby service area while the other got out of the car to walk around and stretch.

At this time one of the prisoners, with the help of the other two, wedged his way between the wire restraining screen into the front seat and drove off. The two deputies reported their view of the car was blocked by another car that pulled into the station at the time.

Two shots were fired at the stolen patrol car as the trio drove off, but it was not hit.

Berrien sheriff's deputies along with three other local departments and state police began a house-to-house search after the abandoned patrol car was recovered 15 miles away behind an abandoned farm house in the area of Pardee road near Elm Valley road, Weesaw township.

One of the escapees ran from in front of the storm cellar as officers approached the Kelley home in their search. He was apprehended by Deputies Michael Renkawitz and Jim Luckner. A second man was apprehended seconds later by Lt. Ronald Schalen and Deputy Terry Smith along with Deputy Seckler of Jackson county as the

prisoner ran into a barn.

Russell then fired at the third man who fled into a field and could not be caught by foot. The three reportedly hid in the cellar without the owner's knowledge after one of the

prisoners went to the house and was refused when he asked Mrs. Kelley to use the phone.

All three were transported to the Berrien county jail and were arrested on charges of unlawfully driving away an au-

tomobile. Smith and Nash were also arrested on charges of breaking and entering. All three were transported to the Jackson county jail by Jackson sheriff's deputies about 6 p.m. after Nash was treated at Memorial hospi-

tal for the flesh wound.

Farley and Nash were arrested in St. Louis, Mo., on warrants for armed robbery and kidnapping. Smith was arrested on a warrant for writing no account checks.

## Trio Recaptured In Berrien Escape Is Short-Lived!



**ESCAPE CAR FOUND:** Unidentified police officer examines Jackson county sheriff's patrol car which three prisoners, being transported from St. Louis, Mo., used to escape while two Jackson county deputies were in service station near Union Pier.

Trio was captured by Michigan state police and Berrien sheriff's deputies about two hours later, about five miles from where car was located behind abandoned farm house in Weesaw township. (Don Wehner photo)

## Push Here Helps State Save \$36.29 Million!

A state program launched by Sen. Charles O. Zollar on the basis of revelations by this newspaper saved the state \$36.29 million last year.

The program involves the locating of fathers who are not making child support payments for offspring on ADC.

Two state representatives, Raymond Kehres, D-Monroe, and James Farnsworth, R-Holland, noted in Lansing that a social services department

report shows the program cost \$2.76 million last year and resulted in collections of \$39.05 million from legally liable parents with children on ADC grants.

This newspaper campaigned on the program for three years and State Sen. Charles Zollar (R-Benton Harbor) took it up with the state social services department.

The resulting program

awards grants to county prosecutors and friends of the court to find missing fathers not making support payments.

The collection target last year was \$35 million. Next year it will be \$45 million. Kehres said Wednesday.

Berrien county's welfare fraud and support program, now in its fourth year, generated \$11,489 in weekly support payments at a cost of \$974 a

week in 1973, county officials reported.

After Zollar outlined the problem to state social services officials, they instituted an experimental program with the Berrien county social services department and the Berrien prosecuting attorney's office.

The pilot test in Berrien county proved an immediate success, and the program was then expanded to numerous other areas of Michigan.

### Winning Numbers

ALLEN PARK, Mich. (AP) — The winning numbers in today's regular weekly Bureau of the State Lottery drawing were 862 — 835.

The second chance numbers were: 088 — 616.

### Blaze In MSU Dorm Routs 300

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP) — A fire which broke out in a high rise dormitory at Michigan State University Wednesday forced evacuation of 300 students and caused an estimated \$100,000 damage, MSU officials said.

Authorities said the fire started in a student's room on the top floor of Hubbard Hall's 12-story south wing when an electric space heater was placed too near bed blankets.



**GAS FOR OLDSTERS:** Richard Parks, an Annapolis, Maryland gas station owner, is shown pumping gas for 74-year-old Clarence Insey, one of his over seventy year of age customers. Parks began to sell gasoline only to people over seventy between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. at his sta-

tion. Parks got the idea when an 81-year-old man afflicted with palsy approached the station on foot during the morning line-up at the pumps and said he was in line but could not wait and pleaded for some fuel. (AP Wirephoto)

### Now He Knows It Really Works

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP) — A man woke just before dawn and wondered why there were airplanes and a helicopter overhead, and searchers tramping through the woods near his home outside Greensboro.

Authorities told him — an emergency transmitter such as used by a downed airplane had been traced to his home Wednesday.

They said the embarrassed man gave this account: He had ordered the transmitter, intending to install it in his plane to comply with the law. "He got it in the mail, opened it up and looked at it, and put it away without realizing he had turned it on," said Sheriff Paul Gibson.

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"We're hoping he'll graduate from college when another new pro football league comes along to outbid the NFL, AFL and WFL."



## Looking For 'Regular'?-- Forget It!

By RALPH LUTZ  
Staff Writer

Motorists pulling up to regular grade gasoline pumps throughout the Twin Cities yesterday were greeted more often than not by signs that told the



**RETIREES:** William (Bill) Rill, 65, credit manager for Michigan Fruit Canners, retired today after 40 years with the firm. Rill is a former mayor of St. Joseph and a member of St. Joseph city commission 14 years from 1955 to 1969. A lifelong resident of Twin Cities, his home is at 1905 Langley, St. Joseph. (Staff photo).

same message.

"No gas."

The reason is that stations had sold out their allocations for February.

Two suppliers, Priebe Brothers Oil Co. and Pyramid Oil Co., said March allocations of regular grade gasoline would be delivered on Friday, March 1.

Both said their stations should receive the same amount of gasoline as in February, with allocations about 75 per cent of the gasoline received in 1972.

Sporadic shortages have been reported in the area previously, but this month's squeeze is believed to be the most acute since the energy crisis developed. And February is a short month.

The month-end shortages were centered on regular grade gasoline. Premium grade gasoline could be purchased at most stations. Pyramid noted that more regular gasoline is used, because it's cheaper and most new cars are designed to use it.

While the pinch was felt hard yesterday, Priebe and Pyramid said there were a few stations that had regular gasoline. They were reported far and few between, however.

With lower allotments each month, most service stations have moved to stretch supplies over the month, by shutting down Sundays, closing earlier and opening late.

Motorists in the Twin Cities and over Southwestern Michigan in general have still been fortunate, so far. There have been no horrendous lineups at pumps with waiting time ranging into an hour or more.

Michigan also is not among states to receive still lower allocations in a federal move to ship more gasoline to regions hard hit by lineups, Pyramid Oil noted.

The month-end shortages in Michigan are reported to be mostly in the highly-populated southern part, while northern Michigan stations have reported ample supplies of gasoline.

### On Dean's List

**ANN ARBOR** — Two undergraduate students from St. Joseph and one from Niles have been placed on the University of Michigan College of Engineering dean's list for the fall term. Named on the list were Gary William Danfield, 2616 Lincoln avenue and John Michael Stafford 1792 N. John, both of St. Joseph, and Douglas Lee Huizenga, 1440 Cedar street, Niles.



**HONOR SOCIETY INITIATION AT LAKESHORE:** Twenty-five Lakeshore High school seniors were inducted into the Clara L. Myers chapter of the National Honor Society Tuesday. Adviser to the chapter is William Hild. First row, from left: Dave

Rennhack, Kevin Middleton, Erwin Elsner, Steve Palmer, Dave Driscoll, Gavin Middleton, Larry Livengood, Tony Braga. Second Row, from left: Jim Rabbbers, Kathy Waldenmaier, Sue Beran, Abbey Gatenbein, Debbie Harvey, Gail Miller, Lisa

Shapleigh, Jim Slavicek. Third row, from left: Pam Smith, Beth Wagoner, Cindy Albrecht, Wendy Cowan, Sue Sherrington, Kolette Kretchman, Nancy Smikle, Jo Hudson. Also inducted was Ender Quinones. (Staff Photo)

## BPW Mulls Damaged Hickory Creek Line Sewer Decision Due Wednesday

By BRANDON BROWN  
Staff Writer

The Berrien county board of public works (BPW) is expected to decide next Wednesday whether to put Hickory creek sewer interceptor south of St. Joseph into use and let the legal chips fall where they may.

Chairman Robert Feather closed a three-hour meeting of the BPW at the courthouse, St. Joseph, yesterday by announcing the BPW would shoot for a decision next week.

The BPW has been talking and corresponding with four

suburban municipalities, the area sewer authority, contractor, engineer and attorneys for months trying to determine the new sewer line's condition and legal ramifications of putting it into use with a damaged 600-foot section.

"The sewer has got to be put in operation....," BPW Member Lat Tufis declared Wednesday.

Engineer Joseph D. Craig, millie recommended yesterday that the BPW accept the seven-mile-long sewer line except a damaged 600-foot section at Hickory creek and Cleveland

avenue south of St. Joseph.

The BPW must accept the sewer line before it can apply for final federal-state grants and hopefully pay the estimated \$2.7 million project off.

Craigmillie reported preliminary testing of the 18-mile sewer line and Stevensville village collection system showed infiltration of a maximum of 60 gallons per minute, well below the 74 gpm maximum fixed in the contract with Verlington & Harris, sewer interceptor builders.

This brought the BPW back to

the big question: Who is responsible for 600 feet of squashed pipe at Cleveland avenue, and who pays to repair it?

At a recent mass meeting of the parties involved in the sewer line "everyone... said they felt they weren't liable," Feather reported.

Perhaps the ready solution is putting the sewer line in use and leaving the big question to a jury, said Stevensville Trustee Charles Kerkikowski.

"Let's have a jury trial with taxpayers," he said.

Craigmillie reported the 600-foot section of pipe has been braced, should carry sewage but ultimately should be repaired or replaced. Meanwhile, he said, the contractor has agreed to make pipe and a pump available to circumvent the damaged section in event it collapses, the same technique for any serious sewer disruption.

Also Wednesday, the BPW:

—Learned the Michigan Water Resources Commission has notified the federal Environmental Protection Agency that a proposed New Buffalo-Chikaming sewer project conforms to state plans and deserves expediting.

—Signed contracts with two contractors for a \$4.7 million expansion of St. Joseph's water system.

—And saw a resolution die for

### Accorded Honors

**HARTFORD** — Michael Rose, 108 Church street, Hartford, has been admitted to the honors college at Michigan State university where he is a junior, according to the family.

## Policemen Slain In Chicago

**CHICAGO (AP)**—Two Chicago policemen were shot after following a man into a tavern located one block from a North Side police station.

The officers killed Wednesday night were William Marsek, 28, who was shot in the right temple and abdomen, and Bruce Garrison, 28, who was hit in the neck and head. Both were members of a special operations unit.

Police issued a warrant in connection with the shooting for a man who also was wanted for robbery and aggravated battery in a suburb north of Chicago. The man was believed to frequent the tavern, police said.

Marsek and Garrison were the second and third Chicago officers killed while on duty this year. James Campbell, 33, died after being shot in a currency exchange Feb. 1.



**BIGGER, BUT COMPACT:** Planning Consultant Jacob Driker points to urban area on county planning commission proposed development map for Twin Cities area to year 1999. Map proposes more development in and around Benton Harbor-St. Joseph, then a low-density residential belt, then agricultural land use. (Staff photo)

## Bankrupt Company Blames Gas Woes

BY SCOTT WILLIAMSON  
Staff Writer

A Benton township firm which manufactured camping vehicles has fallen victim to the gasoline shortage and is currently in bankruptcy proceedings.

Cayo RV (Recreational Vehicle) Corp. declared bankruptcy Dec. 19, 1973, and the company's assets will be sold at public auction March 3 on the company premises at 1485 East Empire avenue.

Asked if the gasoline shortage was responsible for the firm's bankruptcy, Cayo President Robert Cayo replied: "Most certainly. There is no question whatsoever."

Cayo said the plant officially shut down Dec. 14, with the closing affecting some 15 employees.

Cayo RV purchased the pickup camper division of Avion Coach in 1970, and in 1972 built a new manufacturing plant on a 15-acre site on

Empire avenue.

Judge David E. Nims, Jr., referee in the bankruptcy, has appointed Atty. Edward Yampolsky trustee. Atty. Phillip Brown is attorney for the bankrupt firm.

Brown's office reported total assets for Cayo RV, including machinery and inventory, was \$47,842.50, and listed total liabilities including taxes owed as \$224,477.53.

Robert Cayo said the creditors numbered "about 80." He said he has "no plans."

The entire recreational vehicle industry has felt a slowdown due to gasoline shortages, and the public is hesitant to purchase a camper for fear of not being able to get gas, industry spokesmen have said. A number of closings have been reported among recreational vehicle manufacturing firms in the Elkhart, Ind., center of the industry nationally.

## Planners Complete Land-Use Meetings

Berrien county planning commission staffers Wednesday ended the fifth and final regional meeting on a county master development plan by

hammering at the concept of continued urban development in or near areas.

The meeting, in the courthouse at St. Joseph, was to show officials from the nine cities, villages and townships of the Twin Cities area what the planning staff proposes for land use here through 1999.

Feedback from Wednesday and four previous meetings throughout the county will be incorporated into a revamped map eventually presented for approval by the county planning commission.

The staff map for the Twin Cities area shows compact residential-commercial-industrial development in and around Benton Harbor-St. Joseph, surrounded by a belt of urbanized, low-density residential land, and finally a swath of prime agricultural land.

The county map is only suggested for use by local units of government but is important as an extension of grass-roots sentiment in the face of growing state-federal land use involvement, said Jacob Driker, the planning commission's con-

sultant.

Meanwhile, local governments should take "a very strong look" at promoting development inside areas that have police-fire-water-sewer service instead of permitting development on cheap land outside these service areas, said Thomas Sinn, county development director.

"The theory is, let's pretty much fill up these areas first before we go beyond," Driker said.

The alternative is scattered development and expensive extensions of water and sewer service, staff members said. Like the Niles area, the Twin Cities area is not "wildly over-zoned" in commercial-industrial lands, Driker said. Much of the county is, however, he added.

### NEW FIND

**SALT LAKE CITY (AP)** — A University of Utah geologist says he has found remains of a new genus of two-legged carnivorous dinosaur in central Utah.

## Twin Cities, Niles Approved For DART Funding

**LANSING**—The Michigan State Highway Commission Wednesday approved proposed Dial-A-Ride transportation (DART) bus service for both the Twin City and Niles areas.

The commission recommended an allocation of \$129,965 to Benton Harbor and St. Joseph to start up operation and for first year funding. The commission also recommended an allocation of \$104,490 to Niles, John E. Osner, commission secretary, said.

The funding for the Twin City area would be for six 12-passenger buses, 7 radios for the buses and a dispatch office and partial operating costs. For Niles, funding included: four 12-passenger buses, five radios, a base station and dispatch center and operating costs.

DART bus service for the three Berrien county cities was part of a \$2.1 million proposed general transportation program. The transportation package now goes to the Legislature which has 30-session days to give final approval.

One factor still unresolved in the Twin City area is the Twin Cities Motor Transit Company, a private bus company.

Kip Grimes, assistant project manager in the state urban transportation office, said "we are not going into competition with a private bus company." He said the issue is still unresolved and the state expects to "tread carefully."

Grimes said discussions have been held with the officials of the bus company and Benton Harbor but "there has been no meeting of the minds." He said the next step is further discussion.

Grimes said options include cities operating the bus service themselves or contracting on a third-party basis for an operator. He said the city of Holland hired a private taxi operator to operate DART while also maintaining his taxi business.

Osner said that the Twin Cities were only granted \$129,965 because the commission expects the area to qualify for federal mass transit funds.

Osner said DART funding is for 1974-75 and the state hopes to get a commitment from cities to continue state hopes to get a commitment from cities to continue the bus service after that. The cities could then operate DART out of revenues or some other way, he said.

Other allocations recommended yesterday by the state highway commission included \$12.58 million for the Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority and for the following other areas of the state:

Adrian, \$44,500 for starting dial-a-ride (DART) service; Alma and St. Louis, \$29,500 for starting a DART system; Ann Arbor, \$77,330 for buses and equipment; Battle Creek, \$25,005 for buses and equipment; Bay County, \$29,568 for buses;

Big Rapids, \$382,025 for a DART system; Cadillac, \$83,450 for a DART system; Eaton Rapids, \$5,900 for a one-bus system for senior citizens; Flint, \$215,040 for buses and equipment which does not include \$47,000 in demonstration funds for shuttle bus service and service for the handicapped;

Gogebic-Ontonagon counties, \$6,400; Grand Haven, \$104,490 for a DART system; Grand Rapids, \$219,639; Hillsdale and Hillsdale County, \$58,705; Lansing, \$548,610; Manistee County, \$55,705 for a county-wide bus transportation system; Marquette, \$6,510; Marshall, \$55,705 for a DART system; Menominee, \$68,940 for a DART system;

Midland, \$33,400; Muskegon County, \$16,170 for two buses and six shelters; Owosso and Corunna, \$110,680 for a DART system; Saginaw, \$35,280; Sault Ste. Marie, \$76,474.

## Stevensville Store Damaged By Blaze

A rubbish fire spread to the Bag and Boot shoe store in the Village Square in Stevensville early last night, causing an estimated \$5,000 in damage, according to Haskel Starbuck, assistant chief of the Tri-Unit fire department.

He said firemen can find no one who will admit rubbish. In addition, he said, a door to the building was open when firemen reached the scene.

He said fire apparently jumped from the rubbish pile near the building to the aluminum walls and burned into the interior of the building.



STANLEY WOLKINS  
Cats Are Next

## Wolkins Retires After 23 Years

# Dog Warden's Life Changed Greatly

By BILL RUSH  
Staff Writer

Stanley Wolkins retires next month after 15 years as Berrien county's chief dog warden leaving behind a staff of seven and a modern dog pound, far different from when he was the county's only dog warden and worked out of his home.

Wolkins has actually been a dog warden for 23 years in the county. He will be 65 next month and his official retirement date is March 30. With three weeks vacation due, he will leave office March 8. Al Kuiper, a county dog warden for three years, has been named to replace Wolkins.

In preparing to turn the post over to his successor, Wolkins predicted the job will also entail the control of cats within the next several years because of a climbing feline population.

Born in Galien, Wolkins has lived all his life in Berrien county and the last 28 years in Niles. He was hired as a dog warden in the early 1950's after answering a newspaper advertisement. There was one other warden at the time and Wolkins was assigned the southern half of Berrien county as his territory.

Wolkins then found himself working alone after the other warden was dismissed. At that time, a warden took the dogs home with him. As a result, Wolkins said, he had to build a 20 by 40 foot

building "out of my own pocket" to house the dogs.

Wolkins also had to take care of the dogs, buy their food and dispose of them with a gas chamber in his truck. He buried them in graves on his property.

The job then was seven days a week, from daylight until midnight, and his telephone at home rang all hours with complaints from residents about stray dogs.

Wolkins said many times he would be out after dark trying to dig graves in frozen ground while his wife held a flashlight. Pretty soon his own property was filled and he had to find other land for gravesites.

About 4,000 dogs were picked up annually at that time, but the job wasn't exactly lucrative for a warden. The county paid on a fee system of \$1.25 cents per dog and 10 cents a mile and wardens had to provide their own truck.

Since 1962, the county has had a dog pound on Huckleberry road in Berrien Center, now has six wardens and furnishes them with trucks. The pound currently handles between 7,000 and 8,000 dogs each year.

Wolkins said he was originally hired because the other dog warden was about 70 and wasn't answering complaints from the Niles, Buchanan and New Buffalo areas. Wolkins one year checked

a square mile area in Niles township and discovered nobody was collecting for dog licenses. He was able to collect \$188 in fees from that area alone. Last year, about \$97,414 was collected from dog licenses.

Where once there were farms dotting the county, subdivisions have sprouted bringing more people and more dogs, Wolkins said. People are also more aware of the dog warden service now, he said, adding that "every home must know my name."

The major problem wardens face is the stray dog. Wardens have poles with a collar and sometimes the catch takes minutes but other times it can take days. Occasionally dogs are vicious but Kuiper said "it's always the small dog that bites." Wolkins said he hasn't had a dog with rabies, though, since becoming a warden.

Another problem facing wardens is residents who beat or shoot at stray dogs and only call the pound after the dog is scared.

A Watervliet resident, Kuiper has been working as warden in the Sedus and Benton township areas. He has a wife, three children and one dog.

Wolkins' wife has also worked as a secretary at the pound for nearly 10 years and she will leave when he does. They don't have a dog.



AL KUIPER  
New Dog Warden

# TAX LEVY CONTINUATION ASKED

## Van Buren Ambulance Milage Put On August Ballot

By GARRETT DeGRAFF  
Paw Paw Bureau

PAW PAW — Van Buren county voters will be asked in an election this August to extend

for two years the four-tenths mill property tax levy financing the county's ambulance service system, county commissioners decided last night.

Meeting is a special session, commissioners set the vote on extension of the extra-voted property tax for the Aug. 6 state primary election.

The vote on the property tax renewal was proposed by Waldo Dick of Lawrence, chairman of the commission's finance committee.

He said continuation of the millage would provide added funds to help the county's eight ambulance districts get their "feet on the ground."

The district's were set up in the county last year after countywide ambulance service provided by the sheriff's department was discontinued.

A two-year four-tenths mill levy for ambulance approved by county voters in Aug. 1972 expires this year. With the present state equalized valuation of county property, the special millage is expected to raise \$105,611 this year for ambulance service.

Dick reported that he had been asked by representatives of "several" ambulance districts to propose that the millage be extended.

He and other commissioners reported the ambulance districts generally are not operating in the black at present.

In other areas, the commissioner formally approved the county road commission as the enforcement agency in the county for the new state soil erosion and sedimentation control act, which takes effect July 1.

The commission was authorized to spend up to \$15,000 from the county public works fund in 1974 for enforcement of the act.

The act requires that the county commission appoint an enforcement agency by April 1.

As enforcement agency, the road commission will be responsible for issuing permits required under the act for land use changes involving movement of soil, and for seeing that persons engaged in land use changes have acceptable plans for soil erosion control.

Finance chairman Dick called a meeting of his committee for Friday at 1:30 p.m. in the courthouse to set priorities for

use of 1974 federal revenue sharing funds the county anticipates receiving.

He said he feels the meeting is needed since the commission already has tentatively slated projects with a total cost of about \$240,000 to be financed with the federal funds, and only about \$360,000 is anticipated to be received for the year.

No action was taken on the question, tabled last meeting, of whether the county's drug abuse and alcoholism programs should be operated as single-county programs or as part of a three-county operation also including Berrien and Cass counties.

The county Community Mental Health Services board, which had been asked to consider the question, has not formulated a recommendation, Commissioner Lloyd Martin stated.

The commission approved the appointment of Joyce Brimhall, route 2, Hartford, and Orval Dawson, route 1, Bangor, to the Van Buren Commission on Aging.

Roger Hoxie, county administrator of the federal public employment program, reported the county has been allocated an unanticipated \$17,500 in federal funds. He said the money has to be used in some manpower program. No action was taken by the commission.



**NATURE WINS ROUND:** Latest battle between man and nature was won by nature when high winds and low temperatures buried this crane in snow and ice on Lake Michigan shoreline in Grand Beach. Crane's cab is buried and only boom and icy shovel stick out. Equipment belongs to construction firm hired by Robert M. Gardiner of Grand Beach to put up wall and barricade to prevent erosion. (Don Wehner photo)

# Six Van Buren Officials Note Office Space Crunch

By GARRETT DeGRAFF  
Paw Paw Bureau

PAW PAW — Six Van Buren county department officials told the county commission last night that more office area is needed by their departments.

The six were among eight appearing before the board in a preliminary review of space needs called as one step in a possible courthouse expansion or renovation program.

According to commissioners, information gathered last night is to be turned over to the county planning commission for use in preparing possible remedies to the county's office space crunch.

Officials reporting their departments could use more work space right now were Circuit Court Judge Luther I. Daines, Prosecutor William Buhl, Register of Deeds Frank Blaney, tax description office Manager Royal Haefner, Drain Commissioner Elymra Hearn and Co-operative Extension Director A. Robert Earl.

County Clerk Charles MacDonald and Friend of the Court Stanley Driscoll reported their offices have adequate work space.

Commissioner Gerald Rendel of Gobles noted for the record that the county commission itself meets in close quarters.

After hearing reports of the officials, the commission voted not to have a professional engineering firm, Vilcan-Leman & Associates Inc. of Southfield, make an in-depth study of the county's building needs and to draft preliminary plans for new work space.

Commissioners cited the price tag of about \$16,000 on the study, which had been recommended by the planning commission, as the reason for its rejection.

Donald Hanson, chairman of the board of commissioners, stated the planning commission and other county officials, assisted by professional planners when needed, could make an adequate study at far less cost.

Judge Daines reported that district court in Paw Paw employs four fulltime clerks and a probation officer, none of whom now has proper offices. "The only logical solution," Daines said, "would involve the moving of the prosecutor's office from the second floor (of the courthouse) to another location, and the moving of the clerical personnel to that office."

He also recommended remodeling of the district courtroom, so that it would be suitable for use by a second circuit court, if one is created for Van Buren, as proposed. Since the second circuit court isn't expected before 1977, Daines said, sufficient time exists for a new home for district court to be found.

Buhl reported that he can get by with his present facilities, but could use a second private office for conferences. He asked that his office, if moved out of the courthouse, not be located farther than about one block away.

Blaney said his office is crowded, and could use more space. "I don't have any views on how this is to be done," he said. He said by law his office has to be located in the courthouse.

Haefner, speaking also for the equalization office, said facilities for the two offices in the courthouse basement are crowded, but passable at this time. He proposed renovation of the present space to use it more effectively. The changes, he reported, would cost about \$1,500.

Mrs. Hearn said she could use twice as much office space as she now has.

Earl said his offices, now located in the basement of the Paw Paw post office, have about 1,500 square feet, and 2,500 to 3,000 could be used. Starting July 1, the post office will be charging rent for first time since the post office was completed in the early 1940's, he said.

MacDonald said that while the work area for his staff was adequate, he needed more filing space.

Driscoll stated that he would like a partition erected to provide privacy for his secretary. This could be done, he said, for \$330 to \$634, depending on the type of partition used.

The only present occupants of the courthouse not represented at the meeting were the treasurer's office, and the probate court. Daines said his proposal had the approval of Circuit Judge David Anderson Jr.

Speaking for the county commission, Rendel stated that the present basement meeting room does not have adequate space for visitors. He said some day an administrative assistant for the commission might be hired, and that this person would need an office.

## Former Local X-Ray Technician At Hart

The former chief x-ray technician at Berrien General Hospital has headed the x-ray staff



SAM POLVERENTO  
Chief X-Ray Technician

at Oceana Hospital in Hart, Mich., since Jan. 7.

Polverento, a native of South Haven, spent six years at Berrien General before moving to Hart. He also has been employed at Mercy hospital in Muskegon and Pawating hospital in Niles.

Polverento received his radiologic technologist training at Mercy Hospital in Benton Harbor following two years of training in the U.S. Army where he was a registered x-ray technician.

He is also associated with the Holly group of radiologists of Muskegon.

Polverento is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Polverento of South Haven. He and his wife, Cherie, and their two children, Gerry, 5 and Gina, 2 make their home in Pentwater, Mich.

# Van Buren GOP Seeking Fertilizer For Farmers

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PAW PAW — Van Buren county Republican committee has formally adopted a resolution urging key Michigan officials to work to insure adequate supply of fertilizers for farmers in time for application this spring.

Mrs. William (Bee) Lackey, chairman of the GOP committee, said the action was taken in

light of reports that area farmers have not been able to purchase certain types of fertilizers in the amount needed.

Copies of the resolution are to be sent to U.S. senators from Michigan Robert Griffin and Phillip Hart, Fourth district Congressman Edward Hutchinson, and Gov. William Milliken, Mrs. Lackey reported.

According to Waldo Dick of Lawrence, a county commis-

sioner and member of the Republican committee, suppliers have told Van Buren farmers that only about 80 percent as much nitrogen-containing fertilizer will be available this spring as last year.

Dick said at the same time the federal government is urging farmers to plant 10 percent more acreage this year.

"Without doubt," Dick stated, "there would be a decrease in

production per acre if fertilizer is cut back this year and acreage increased." He added that the per acre reduction might be so great that total output would be cut, despite more acres being under plow.

In addition to nitrogen fertilizer being short, supplies of phosphate-containing fertilizers are also inadequate, Dick stated.



**FOP PREXY:** Sgt. John Gaborik of Van Buren sheriff's department has been elected 1974 president of Fraternal Order of Police lodge 136. Other officers of lodge, which covers all of Van Buren county east of South Haven, are vice president Fred Siegl, secretary-treasurer Thomas Riley, guard David Goddard, conductor Mark Holden, all affiliated with Van Buren sheriff's department, and chaplain M. J. Conklin, Lawrence constable. a

## Dowagiac Couple Found Safe After Plane Reported Missing

**DOWAGIAC —** A Dowagiac couple whose single-engine aircraft was listed as missing Tuesday night was reported safe yesterday in White Plains, N. Y.

The plane, piloted by James Metcalf of Dowagiac, was on a flight from Franklin, Pa., to Bradley, Conn., but failed to arrive, according to Civil Air Patrol officials, touching off the search.

Metcalf, owner of Metcalf Film and Lecture service, was accompanied on the flight by his wife, Tillie.

CAP Capt. Louis Hunsinger said Metcalf had changed his flight plan, but had not notified authorities he had landed elsewhere.

Hunsinger said about 35 planes were involved in a search for the craft before it was located at White Plains.

## Three Oaks Selected As Site For Children's Park

**THREE OAKS —** Dewey Cannon park has been selected for location of a lot in Three Oaks by REACH, a New Buffalo-River Valley Youth Assistance program.

Mrs. Thomas Shook, secretary, said the lot is planned as a memorial to the late Keith Gridley, former Three Oaks village president and vice president of REACH (Reach

Each with Action, Care and Help). Dewey Cannon park is located on Maple street, one-half block east of Elm street.

She said a similar park is being planned at New Buffalo.

Mrs. Shook said Robert Crownse, director of Berrien County Youth Service and Assistance bureau, has offered group counseling service to parents of youths with

problems. F. Charles Gordon, Three Oaks, has informed the group that he is looking for former high school athletes to help youngsters train for the CANAMER games. He may be contacted at the River Valley grocery, corner of Warren Woods and Three Oaks roads.

Mrs. Shook said that high schools in the area have advised REACH that they have students available for regular employment and for odd jobs. She said interested persons may contact the guidance office of a particular high school.

Reach is planning a membership drive and fund raising dinner in late April. Dr. John Valatiejus, REACH president, and George Behrends, New Buffalo, are in charge of arranging for a speaker.

## Hartford Vehicles Stolen

**HARTFORD —** A 1973 motor home and a 1971 Jeep-type vehicle have been reported stolen from a Hartford service station, according to state police at Paw Paw.

Troopers said Kenneth Reed, route 2, Hartford, owner of the vehicles, reported he parked the

vehicles at his own service station, the Miami service station on CR-887 in Hartford, on Saturday and the vehicles were missing Tuesday.

Total estimated value of the two vehicles is \$9,500, police said.